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OF THE
SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
MT. VERNON CHURCH
ITAWAMBA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 10, 11 AND 12
1912

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES

TIME and place of next meeting: Tuesday before the Third
Lord's Day in September, 1913 with the Church at
Unity, Lee County, Miss., six miles east
of Guntown, Mississippi.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

S. H. Turner, Moderator, Ratliff Miss.
D. R. Bickerstaff, Clerk, Dorsey, Miss.
B. F. Chileant, Treasurer, Ratliff, Miss.

EXECUTATIVE COMMITTEE: J. R. Grimes, Ratliff, Miss.; J. C. Lawhorn, Shannon, Miss.; G. W. Ballard, Plantersville, Miss.; J. G. Sloan, Nettleton, Miss.; Fred Mattox, Dorsey, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:— W. T. Gregory, Vina, Ala.; W. W. Jarrell, Fulton, Miss.; J. R. G. Gregory, Dorsey, Miss.; J. B. Loden, Dorsey, Miss.; S. P. Harris, Plantersville, Miss. W. O. Thornley, Ratliff, Miss.; G. S. Raburn, Ratliff, Miss.; E. L. Gillentine, Dorsey, Miss.; Frank Menaghen, Nettleton, Miss.; S. S. Houston, Belden, Miss. A. E. Sandlin, Dorsey, Miss.; E. D. Moody, Dorsey, Miss.; W. G. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.

LICENTIATES:— W. D. Cayson, Ratliff, Miss.; Oscar Petty, Plantersville, Miss.; H. Rea, Nettleton, Miss.; W. H. Hodges, Ratliff, Miss.; R. M. Price, Mooresville, Miss.

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THE Judson Baptist Association convened in its Sixtieth Annual Session with the church at Mt. Vernon, Itawamba Co., Miss., Sept. 10 A. D., 1912.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. J. R. G. Gregory preached the introductory sermon; text 1st Cor. 11:28; and 29: Subject, The Communion. The Association adjourned one hour for refreshments; benediction by Eld. G. S. Raburn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock by singing and Scripture lessons and prayer by Eld. J. C. Lawhorn. The Clerk being absent by motion D. R. Bickerstaff was elected clerk pro tem. The Moderator appointed Bros. Roscoe Bennett and W. H. Flynn reading clerks. The roll of churches was called, letters from the following churches handed in, read, and the names of messengers enrolled, viz:

BETHEL: D. R. Bickerstaff, R. S. Sheffield, R. E. Summers, J. C. Comer, W. C. Kyle, Alt.

CENTER HILL: S. P. Harris, W. M. Birmingham, E. N. Pettigrew, Walter Whitehead, Alt.

OAK GROVE: W. H. Hodges, H. A. Mitchell, Cliff Nichol, J. P. Thornberry, F. E. Beene, Alternate.

LIBERTY: A. G. Ridings, A. S. Brown, J. D. Rollins, E. M. Blount, Luther Hazel, Alt.

UNITY: J. W. Thornberry, C. A. Hodges, J. C. Raper, S. C. Raper, Alt.

PEANTERSVILLE: R. S. Thomas, J. A. Williams, C. G. Rogers, R. G. Biggers, Alt.

TOMBERRY: G. S. Raburn, W. E. Walker, Z. N. Hodges, W. W. Morse, Alt.

MANTACHIE: S. H. Turner, A. P. Grissom, B. F. Chikont, Roscoe Bennett, Alt.

PLEASANT HILL: G. W. Suggs, J. A. Malone, J. L. Christian, A. P. Carr, Alt.

FELLOWSHIP: J. C. Hall, C. L. Jackson, J. W. McKissack, A. J. Nelson

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HOPEWELL: A. E. Sandlin, E. L. Gillentine, W. G. Gray, S. A. Enloe, Alt.

OAK HILL: W. H. Flynn, J. C. Lawhorn, Albert Chote, Mrs. Ethel Chote.

Mt. Vernon: A. R. Beasley, W. W. Jarrell, D. B. George, Pink Adams, Alt.

FRIENDSHIP: J. A. Martin, W. L. Barnett, D. C. Herring Jim Hill.

Eld. J. R. G. Gregory from Boufala and Bros. Will Lyle and F. Richardson from Shilo, were present as messengers without letters.

The Association proceeded to permanent organization which resulted in the unanimous election of S. H. Turner as Moderator, D. R. Bickerstaff, Clerk, B. F. Chilcoat, Treasurer. Petitionary letters called for, none presented; correspondence called for, and the following were enrolled: From Tombigbee Association, W. H. Rouse, John Jarrell, S. T. Graham. The Moderator then announced the following committee viz: On arrangements, J. R. G. Gregory, Z. N. Hodges, W. H. Hodges; on Devotion, J. W. Thornberry, S. A. Enloe, with Deacons of Mt. Vernon Church; on Missions, E. M. Blunt, G. S. Raburn, A. G. Ridings; fraternal dead, B. F. Chilcoat, J. R. G. Gregory, A. L. Christian; on ministerial education, W. H. Hodges, A. B. Beasley, W. W. Morse; on ministerial support, R. E. Summers, W. E. Walker, * * * G. W. Suggs; on orphanage, Z. N. Hodges, J. C. Comer, J. W. McKissack; on Finance, B. F. Chilcoat, R. S. Sheffield, W. H. Flynn; on Temperance, R. S. Sheffield, A. J. Nelson, J. C. Comer; on colleges and other institutions of learning, J. R. G. Gregory, A. S. Brown, Cliff Nichol; on state of religion, J. A. Martin, W. L. Barnett, Frank Richardson; on publications, R. S. Sheffield, J. C. Hall, J. P. Thornberry; on music, Roscoe Bennett, J. P. Thornberry, D. R. Bickerstaff; on sustentation, G. S. Raburn, S. A. Enloe, J. L. Christian; on Sunday schools, W. G. Gray, B. F. Chilcoat, Pink Adams; on resolutions, W. H. Hodges, W. W. Morse, A. J. Nelson.

The committee on Arrangements reported same order of business as last year. Devotional committee reported that Eld. J. C. Lawhorn preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock. By motion the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, benediction by Eld Gregory.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SEPT. 11th

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, devotional exercises led by Eld. J. D. Dove. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Bro. E. M. Blount read report on Missions and after remarks by Elder J. C. Lawhorn and others, was on motion adopted. Bro. W. H. Hodges read report on Ministerial Education and after remarks by Elder G. S. Raburn and others was by motion, adopted. On motion the regular order of business was suspended to select the next place of meeting and to elect one to preach the introductory sermon which resulted in the selection of Unity, Lee County, as next place. Eld. G. S. Raburn to preach introductory sermon with Eld. W. G. Gray, alternate.

By motion the regular order of business was resumed. Eld. Gregory read report on Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning and after remarks by Elder W. G. Gray and others, by motion report was carried over until afternoon session. By motion the Association took recess till 1:30 o'clock. During recess Elder Lawhorn preached an introductory sermon, text: Ezekiel 33e, 3rd verse, theme, Christian watchfulness.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock by singing Scriptural lesson by Eld. W. G. Gray, prayer by Bro. S. T. Graham. Bro. Gregory's report was again taken up and after remarks by several of the brethren was by motion adopted. Z. N. Hodges read Report on Orphanage, but after remarks by several of the brethren was lost on motion to adopt.

D. R. Bickerstaff read report for Committee on Ministerial Support and after remarks by J. C. Lawhorn and others this report was adopted. R. S. Sheffield read the Report on Finance which report was adopted by motion. Devotional Committee reported that Elder Dove preach tonight and Eld. Raburn tomorrow at 11 o'clock, when by motion, Association adjourned till tomorrow at 8:30 o'clock, benediction by W. G. Gray.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

The Association met pursuant to adjournment - devotional exercises led by Eld. G. S. Raburn. Minutes of preceeding day read and approved. Elder Gregory read Report on Fraternal Dead and after re-

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marks by Bro. Turner and others by motion report was adopted.

Bro. R. S. Sheffield read report on Temperance and after remarks by several brethren report was adopted. Eld. J. R. Gregory then read for Committee report on State of Religion which report was adopted without remarks. Eld. G. S. Raburn read report on Sustentation and this report adopted. Bro. Sheffield read report on Publications which was adopted. By motion the same executive committee was reelected.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as corresponding Messengers to Tombigbee Association, viz: Elds. J. R. G. Gregory, W. G. Gray, and G. S. Raburn. Bro. Roscoe Bennett read report on Music and after remarks J. R. G. Gregory said report, by motion, was adopted. Treasurer read his report and by motion it was adopted. W. G. Gray then read his report on Sunday Schools and also his report as general Superintendent of Sunday Schools; by motion these reports were adopted. By motion Eld. W. G. Gray was reelected general Superintendent of Sunday Schools, with brethren R. S. Sheffield and W. H. Hodges as Assistant Superintendants.

W. H. Hodges read report on Resolutions which was unanimously adopted. Minutes of today, read approved. Motion to adjourn after preaching to meet with Unity Church, Lee Co., Miss., Tuesday after the 2nd Lord's day in September, 1913.

Elder G. S. Raburn preached an able sermon at 11 o'clock; theme: "The Security of the Believer." At close of sermon the parting hand was extended, thus closing the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Judson Association.

S. H. TURNER, Moderator,

D. R. BICKERSTAFF, Clerk.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions report the following: Indeed, the Lord gave us a great commission; Mathew 28: 19. Therefore, we know it is the duty of the churches composing this Association to do more in the future than in the past; therefore we should be cheerful givers and, knowing of the millions dying without this precious Gospel, let us as a people do more for the mission work. Submitting our report, let us be true to this great cause; for in this we are true to our name "Missionary."

E. M. BLOUNT, Chairman

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, report as follows: We sincerely and firmly believe that ministers of God should have a literary education that they may better understand the Word of God and know how to present it to the people in simplicity. Paul said to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved, rightly dividing the word of God giving each his portion in due season." One must make the word of God his basic study. We find in Acts 5: 12, this: "and daily in the temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Christ." We therefore insist on all young preachers to acquire as much education as possible.

W. H. HODGES, Chairman.

REPORT ON COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Dear Brethren: - We feel keenly the need of a Christian education. Our children need to be educated to prepare them for duties and responsibilities of life. We therefore recommend any good Baptist school that is conducted by sound Baptists and under good moral influence. We recommend also that parents exercise good judgement in selecting schools in which to send their boys and girls. To our brethren who are preparing for the ministry we recommend that they also exercise good judgement and caution in selecting a school in which to prepare for the ministry. Especially do we recommend that they do not patronize the theological seminary at Louisville, Ky., because we believe it to be one of the hot beds of heresy in which Roman Catholic principles are taught and in-

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instilled into the minds of those who attend that institution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. G. GREGORY, Chairman.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We find that it is clearly taught in the Scriptures that the churches should support the ministry, and that the ministry has the right to expect and demand of the churches reasonable compensation for their labor because it is written that the laborer is worthy of his hire; we therefore recommend to the messengers of this Association that they urge upon their churches to contribute liberally of their means to the support of the ministry that the Gospel be not hindered. Respectfully submitted,

R. E. SUMMERS, Chairman.

REPORT ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

We, your committee on Fraternal Dead, find that the following named brethren and sisters have been called from our midst since our last session: Plantersville, sister Ordry Wheeler; Oak Hill, G. W. Goggins; Fellowship, sister Sarah McKissack; Pleasant Hill, J. J. Roberts, Sister Violet Bickerstaff; Center Hill, Sister M. J. Estes; Oak Grove, Dave Braden, Mary Nichols; Bethel, W. W. Bradley, J. A. Thomas, Jas. Smith; Liberty, C. C. Knight, Sister Martha Brown; Mantachie, Sister Armanda Hodges; Friendship, Sisters Peggy Finnie, Sallie Hopkins.

B. F. CHILCOAT, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Financial Committee, minutes and Clerk	\$20.35
Home missions	6.75
Foreign Missions	2.79
Total	29.89

B. F. CHILCOAT, Treasurer.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We consider the Sunday School the teaching service of the church and should be under the auspices of the church. The purposes of the Sunday School should be the same as all other services. First, to enlighten and lead the lost to Christ; second, to build up the believers in Christ and with these purposes in view Sunday schools should strive to get all to attend that these purposes may be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted;

W. G. GRAY, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION

We know of no aged ministers or widows or orphans or any other members who need financial aid from this Association. If any sister churches know of any such they are requested to make it known to the Association and our Association will render such assistance as we deem necessary for of such we are commanded by the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. RABURN, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERENCE.

We your Committee on Temperence, make the following report: That since we are commanded to be temperate in all things, we hold that great care should be used in carrying out this commandment; that much injury is being felt from the use of alcoholies, narcotics, etc; and that each church get to work to stop the evil of drinking strong drink and also of cigarette smoking, especially. Respectfully submitted,

R. S. Sheffield, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We believe the Bible should form the basis of all religious publications, and unless the publications are in strict accord with the Bible, it should not be used; therefore we urge the churches of this Association that they be careful as to the kind of literature which comes to them; that it is pure and not misleading, for it is our duty to read the

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Bible that we may know more of God and His love.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. SHEFFIELD, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

By careful examination of the letters we find that there has not been a very great increase in the membership of the churches; however, the increase in membership is not an infalible sign of the spiritual condition of the churches. We find that there has been received into some of the Association by experience and baptism 94; restored 7. Some of the churches have not yet held their annual meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MARTIN, Chairman.

REPORT ON MUSIC:

We believe that sacred music is of divine origin; we further believe that it is a part of worship, and that sinners are converted through the medium of song; and furthermore, we believe that sacred songs are very essential to church service. We believe that every church should select a leader who is qualified to sing and make suitable selections for all occasions so that the song service may be raised to a higher standard that it may be a greater means in the salvation of souls.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROSCO BENNETT, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Com. on Resolutions, report as follows: Whereas, this, (Mt. Vernon) have been so kind and hospitable at the church and in homes and in making their homes our homes; and whereas, the good ladies of this church and community have so diligently labored to satisfy our appetites with such an abundance of excellent table comforts, as well as to ornament and beautify the Association; be it

Resolved that we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation and best wishes. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HODGES, Chairman.

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CONSTITUTION

We, the United Baptist Church in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the order and rules of all Associations, according to the following plan:

ART. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of white male and female members; time of meeting number of Baptists received by letter, excludel, died since last Association; the name of pastor, and postoffice.

Art. 3. The numbers thus chosen and convined shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union; but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our abstract in last year's minutes)

Art. 4. Every church in the Union may be entitled to three delegates and one additional for every 100 members above 100; should any neglect to present, she shall state the reason in her next letter to the Association.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted to this body, who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order, the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

Art. 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum

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of their own adoption. (See them in last year's minutes.)

Art. 7. This Association shall elect a Moderator annually from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed; and take the voice of the Association on all questions brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

Art. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her own satisfaction and failed to do so.

Art. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, and which shall be raised by voluntary subscription of the churches, sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money received by him as Treas.

Art. 10. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

Art. 11. The Association shall correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach the Introductory sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session: also time and place for next Association.

Art. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union, only when established by a sister church.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two thirds of the churches comprising the body.

Art. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association, finally.

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Statistical Table

Churches	Pastors	Postoffice	Baptized													
			reed. by letter	Restored	Total increase	Total last yr.	dism. by letter	excluded	Deaths	Total decrease	Mbrs this yr.	Sunday schs.	No pupils	No of teachers	Days meeting	
Belhel	N. T. Clayton	Dorsey	14	2	0	16	211	0	2	3	5	222	1	50	4	2
Fellowship	J. H. Jenkins	Satillo	12	5	2	19	128	2	3	6	6	171	0	0	0	2
Friendship	W. O. Thornley	Baldwyn	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	70	0	0	0	1
Oak Grove	C. A. Gilbert	Railiff	13	4	1	0	0	13	3	2	18	471	0	0	0	1
Pleasant Hill	N. T. Clayton	Tapelo	0	0	0	0	118	7	2	2	11	107	0	0	0	1
Center Hill	S. P. Harts	Plantersville	0	0	0	0	127	9	0	1	10	117	0	0	0	4
Hopewell	A. E. Sandlin	Dorsey	11	4	0	15	187	5	2	0	7	195	2	70	8	4
Liberty	R. L. Birmingham	Netleton	18	6	2	26	124	5	1	2	8	142	1	36	3	2
Plantersville	J. A. Landers	Plantersville	0	2	0	2	38	4	0	1	5	35	1	25	4	4
Mt. Vernon	W. W. Jarrell	Fulton	0	0	0	0	72	1	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	1
Manitachie	J. F. Robinson	Railiff	1	3	0	4	77	2	0	1	3	79	1	63	4	3
Yonbigbee	J. F. Robinson	Railiff	2	2	1	5	0	11	4	0	15	84	1	40	3	2
Oak Hill	W. L. Coggin	Shannon	11	5	1	17	96	0	1	1	2	111	1	80	5	2
Unity	C. A. Gilbert	Railiff	10	2	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	111	0	0	0	1
Bongafalar	J. B. Loden	Mooreville	0	8	0	8	0	3	0	0	3	71	0	0	0	4
New Hope	W. L. Coggin	Plantersville	0	2	1	2	63	0	0	0	0	63	1	40	4	3

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Financial Table

	Churches	Pastors	Salary	Building and repairs	Visiting Ministers	Sunday school expenses	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministers and Clerk
Bethel		\$125			\$14.00	\$ 7.50			\$ 2.06			\$ 2.50
Center Hill		70			25.00				25.50			1.25
Fellowship		100			22.00				1.00			1.20
Friendship												1.00
Hopewell		100		4.00	18.16	5.50						1.80
Liberty		100		65.00								.80
Memphis					15.00	5.00						1.00
Mr Vernon												1.05
Oak Grove												1.70
Oak Hill		100			22.50	6.00			5.00	5.00	5.00	1.50
Plantersville		150				6.00			27.00			1.50
Pleasant Hill										23.85		1.00
Tombstone												1.00
Unity					5.00				2.75	2.75		1.50
New Hope		50			4.80							

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